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THE LITTLE FAIR MAN,

By S. R. CROCKETT.

creased at the folds, and bearing the marks of diligent perusal in days past. My father ence for them because of the great names which could be deciphered here and there. such as "Mr. D. Dickson," "Mr. G. Gilespie," and in especial, "Mr. Samuel Rutherford. How these came into possession of my

father's forbears I have no information, They were always known in the family as "Peden's papers." though so far as I can now make out that celebrated Covenanter had nothing to do with them-or at least. is never mentioned in them. On the other hand, I find from the family bible written as a note over against the entry of my great grandmother's death, "Aprile the seventeene, 1731," the words "Cozin to Mr. Patrick Walker, chapman, of Bristo port, Edin-

The letters and narratives are in many hands and vary considerably in date, some presbytery, about 1638, whilst others in a ber chamber to relieve Jean McCalmont, down with his head in his hands. Then at bier whereon men bear coffine to the kirkor rewritten in the early years of the last

Now, after I came from college and before my marriage, I had sometimes long forenights with little to do. So, having got some insight into ancient handwritting from my friend, Mr. James Robb of the college of St. Mary, an expert in the same, a good golfer also and a better fellow, I set me to work to decipher these manuscripts, both for my own satisfaction and for the pleasure of reading them to my father on Saturday nights, when I was in the habit of driving over to see my mother at Drumquhat on my way from visiting my patients

He was so much taken by it that he begged me to publish it, as he said, "as a corrective of the sinful compliances and shame-I am little sanguine of any good it may do from a high scalesisstic point of view, the facts are interesting enough in themselves. The manuscript is clearly written out in a tall copybook of stout bluish paper, withgray sheepakin. The name, "Harry Wedderburn," is upon the cover here and there. and within is a definitive title in florested capitals, very ornately described.)

THE STORY OF THE TURN-ING OF MR. HARRY WEDDER-BURN, FROM DARKNESS TO RUTHERFORD OF ANWOTH, *

The Lord hath spared me. Harry Wedderburn, these many years, delaying the setting of my sun till once more the grassgrown green where once I saw the blood old head beneath the sod of a quiet land. This is my story, writ at the instance of

of deliverance 1689 is the time of writing.

from evil to seek after good.

We were a wild and forward set in those days in the backlands of the Kells. It was truth they mostly were themselves. not long since the coming of a law stronger And if a man offended another he went his whinger to lie in wait for his enemy. Or he met him foot to foot with quarterstaff on

and possessed neither pistol nor musketoon. years bygone, I being then in the 22d Then we were very content, and made it the dark out and the light in two or three traitorous loon in the loch beneath. times in the week at the change-house of the Clachan. Elspeth Vogie keeped it, and

and well favored of her person.

the plump chin.

to even through a kind of unwho.esome mist, worth living. and the cern standing on the knowes with So "Hush!" we said, "we will sait this plowland and prayed for a rousing wind fill of Kells loch this day!" from the Lord to winnew away the still. All this while we knew not so much as fill and ripen for the ingathering.

were fast coming the Holy Kirk. upon that land. So long as our pint-stoup bishop, bible or incense pot.

gask. likeminded with us. Rab was seek. fallen edgewise between the stones. Let us ing his "morning," or eye-opening draught go home! of French brandy, and to us bleared and leaden-eyed roisterers he seemed to work for all that, lads. Better bide and come upon us fresh as the dew on the white | ene! thorn in the front of May. For he had a clean sark upon him, a lace ruffle about his neck, and his hair was still wet with washed himself.

visit fair Meg o' the gien so early i' the to market. There was a gentleman at the

another, chaffingly.

the precentor's whining voice, he added clad all in black like a minister. Robert Aitken, deleted and discerned to compear at both diets of worship for the well accustomed to the exercise, and bere

(Notable among my father's papers was believes crime of-and so forth." This was one bundle quite by themselves which he an excellent imitation of the official that we had better have our swords easy eration. They were written in crabbed rebuke. It was Patie Robb of Ironnannoch that these men in the hodden gray would handwriting on ancient paper, very much who said this. And he had had the best certainly fight for their minister. apportunities for perfecting himself in the exercise, having stood the session and re-said, "a stout, angry earle. Him in the drab could not read these, but had great rever- ceived the open rebuke on three several is muckle Nisian Mure of Sassencarry. Be- and shall stand the longest?" secasions-two of them in one twelve- send is Ugly Peter of Rusco, and that's month, which is counted a shame even Ballio Fullerton o' Kirkeudbright, the man among shameless men.

> errand as takes you there twice in the peth's for. We will let out some true blue year, my man. I go to hear the gospel Covenant bluid this boly day!" power of words. And though ye wooff and back part and bided our time. make light o' me. I care not. I am neither kirk-goer ner kirk-lover, ye say. True, but | the pulpit, which was a box on great broad,

He took the pint-stoup and with a bow of his head and an inclination of his body no, not so much as a tenth part of them! he did his service to Mistress Elspeth. ber feet for many weary hours.

"Land, we will a' gang. I had news And I mind that he prefaced it with several a goodly and gruesome weapon, yestroen of this ploy. The new bishop, pithy sayings, which I remembered long. Then the Spirit of the Lord good luck to him, has cuted another of the afterward, though I paid little heed to them | me and I shouted aloud; high flying, prating cushion-threshers, at the time. "This tree of Babylon is a fore his betters. He is to preach in Kells the backsides of deserts where Moses found minister thereof is like-minded with him- sorrow and exile. It is an ever-burning then one word snap and more than one welf. hearin' for his rebel's cant-why, lads, you are not the men I tak' you for!"

So they cried out: "Weel said, Roaring Raif," and got them ready to go as best they could. For some were red of face no judge of prayers in those days. All I And, oh, by means of the bier-pole a way roysterous spirit of the night. But a dabble in the chill water of the spring and less defections of the times." And, though all to some decent presentableness. For though in the latter end it pays for such things twice over.

We partock of such breakfast as we could manage and that was no great thing out ruled lines, and is bound in a kind of after such a night. But we each drank down a stirrup cup and with various good peeds to Elspeth Vogie and her maid we wan to horseback and so down the strath to the kirk of Kells. It sits on the summit of a little knowe, with the whin golden about it at all times of the year and the loch like a painted sheet spread below.

We could see the folk come flocking from afar and near, from their mailings and to-shilling lands, their farm towns and othouses in half a dozen parishes.

"We are in luck's way, lads," cried Lidmouth will make such a dtn as will be of Kells this day!" heard of through all Galloway."

And so to our shame and my sorrow we made it up. We were to go the rounds of glorying in our shame. the meeting and gather together all the He red, and I wait in patience to lay my likely lads who would stand with us. There minutes on the minister. He had that day good will to preachings. And with these our refuge and our strength," from the year of grace and a freed Israel, 1689. good Mr. Patrick Walker, and to be ready in one place we could easily shut the 46th Psaim-one that was ever afterward at his next coming into our parts. The mouth of the fanatic railer against law and a great favorite with me. slack between hav and harvest of the year order. For so in our ignorance and folly we called him. Because all this sort (such muckle about what he said, but of the great I. Harry Wedderburn of Black Craig of as I myself was then) hated the very name play and bloody fray that was before me. Dee, acknowledge the mercles of God and of religion and hoped to find things easier repenting of my sins set these things down and better for them when the king should in my own hand of write. Sorrow and have his way, and when the bishops would whey-faced knaves!" shame are in my heart that my sun was present none to parishes but what we called "good fellows"-by which we meant men as careless of principle as ourselves loose livers and oath swearers, such as in

But when we came that August morning than that of the Strong Hand. Our fathers to the kirk of Kells, lo! there before us had driven the cattle from the English was outspread such a sight as my eyes border-yea, even out of the fat fields of never beheld. The kirk knowe was fairly Niddisdale and over the flower of Solway. black with folk. A little way off you could ace them pouring inward in bands like the straightest way home and took gun and spokes of a wheel. Further off yet little friend off and buffeted him, but even then black dots straggled down hillsides or up through glens, disentangling themselves the highway if he were of ungentle heart from clumps of birches and scurry thorns for all the world like the ants of the wise I mind well that year 1636 more than 50 king gathered home from their travels.

year of my age, a runnagate castaway loon, our business to go among the gay young without God and without hope in the world. blades who had come for the excitement, My father had been in his day a douce sober or, as it might be, because all the pretty man, yet he could do little to restrain my- lasses of the countryside were sure to be self or my brother John, who was, they said, there in their best. And with them we "ten wanrs" than I. For there was a wild arranged that we should keep silence till set in the Glen Kells in those days, Lidder- the fanatic minister was well under way bale of Slogarie and Roaming Raif of Kirk- with his treasonable paries. Then we would christ being enough to poison a par- rush in with our swords drawn, carry him ish. We four used to foregather to drink off down the steep and duck him for a

To this we all assented and shook hands upon the pact. For we knew right sickerly no good name it got among those well-af- what would be our fate if in the battle fected to religion-aye, or Elspeth, either, which was coming on the land the covenant a bouncing buxom piece as ever couped men won the day. Perforce we must subgood liquor into a pint-tass or give a man scribe to deeds and engagements, attend a clour on the head for chucking her under kirks, lay aside gay colors, forswear all pleasant daffing with such as Elspeth But these are vain thoughts, and I have Vogic and Mary, her maid-not that there had of a long season no pleasure in them. was anything wrong with my own practice Yet I do not deny that Elspeth Vogle, though with such. I speak only of others. The sore left to herself, was a heartsome quean, ciatter of the dice would be heard no more. The cartes themselves, the knowledge of So at Elspeth's some half-dozen of us which then made the gentleman, would be were drinking the hay-winning and the looked upon as "the deil's picture books." corn-chearing. For hairst was late that An' good broad oath would mean a fine as year, and the weather mostly backward and broad. Instead of chanting loose catches, dour. There had come, however, with the we would have to listen to sermons five advent of the month, a warm, drowsy spell hours long and be whipped for all the little of windless days, the sun shining from morn pleasing transgressions which made life

as little motion as the gray whinstane and man's kall for him. We will drill him, grantte cairns on the hilltaps. The farmers wand hand and working hand, so that he and cotters looked at their scanty roods of cannot stir. We will make his drink his

dead easterly mist and gar the corn the name of the preacher, nor indeed cared. recatle ear against ear, so that it might He came from the south; so much we knew, and he had a great repute for godliness But we that were hand-fasted to sin and and what the broad-bonnets called "faithbonded to iniquity, young plants of wrath, fulness." Which, being tuterpreted, signiill-doers and feriorn of grace, cared as little fied that he contemned the king and the for the backward year as we did for the bishops, and held to the old figments about sad state of Scotland and the doctrine, free grace and the authority of

The man had not arrived when we reached was filled and plack rattle on plack in the the Kirk of Kells. Indeed, it was not long pouch, sorrow the crack of the thumb we before the hour of service when up the cared for harvest or sheep shearing, king or lochside we saw a cavalcade approach. Then we were angry. "For," we said, "this To us sitting thus on the Sabbath morn. Spells our sport. These are doubtless soling (when it had better set us to have diers of the king, who have been sent to been sleeping in our naked beds) there put a stop to the meeting. We shall have came in one Rab Aitken of Auchen- no chance this day. Our coin is spun and

But I said: "There may be some spirity

So they abode according to my word. But when they came near we could see that these were no soldiers of the king. the good well-water in which he had lately nor indeed any soldiers at all, though the men were all armed with whingers and pis-'Whither away, Rab?" we cried. "Is it to tols, slow-footed horses, like farmers going head of them, very tall and stout, whom "He is on his way to the kirk!" cried Roaring Raif, in an undertone, pointed our as Gordon of Earlstoun, and in the midst. 'If so, 'tis to stand all day on the stool the center of the company, a little fair man, of repentance," declared another. Then, in shilpit and delicate, whom all deferred to.

He role a long-tailed sheltie, like one

was to be interned. Then Roaring Raif whispered among us

"Gordon of Cardoness is there also," he wi' the wame and the bell-mouthed musket "No. Patie," said Robb, in answer, "I am across his saddle-bow. There will be a ndeed for the kirk, but on no siccan gowk's vare tulsie, lads. This is worth leavin' Els-

preached. For there is to be a stranger. And when the little fair man dismounted frac the south shore at the kirk of Kells | there was a rush of the folk and some delay. this day, and they say he has a mighty But we of the other faction kept in the

Then the little fair man went up into there is a whisper in my heart that sends | creaking, ungreased wheels, which they had soon as they saw that the mighty concourse could in no wise be contained in the kirk-

Then there was a great bush which lasted sung. It was the one about the Israelites Then Roaring Ralph Pringle cried out: hanging their harps on the trees of Babylon. This man goes to Edinburgh to be tried be strange plant," he said. "It grows only in the side of his Friend! Feace!" We will all gang, and if the gets a bush, yet no man ever saw the ashes of it." head crack.

Then the people sang with a great voice, not mind much about his prayer. I was that are set on mischief! several others, but could see nothing. But I by the word of the preacher. think it was not so with the Little Fair Man.

listen to this treason-menger!"

with you.' have them in the hollow of our hand. This their dying beds. will be a great day in the Kells. We will Now, I have backslidden since that, but

selves in our ignorance and headstrong folly,

And according to my word we waited five

And when at first he began, I thought no For we rejoiced in such like, and called it

Then the Little Fair Man began to warm to his work, and just when the five minutes drew on to their end he was telling of a certain friend that he had, one that loved pleasing personality. him and had been constantly with him for years-so that his married wife was not so near and dear. This friend had delivered him, he said, from perils of great waters, and from the edge of the sword. Yet he had put up with all the evil things he had ione to him. Ofttimes he had cast this he would not go away from him or leave

So as I had never heard of such strange friendship I was in a great sweat to find out who this friend might be, who could be so different from the comrades I knew, who drew their swords at a word and gave buffet for buffet as quick as drawing

a breath. So I whispered again, "Give him another five minutes!

And I could hear them growl behind me, Tam Morra of the Shields, called "Partanface Tam," Galikit Gib Morrison and the "What for are ye waltin'? Let the gray breeks hae it noo!"

o counter me, fearing that I might give them "strength-o'-airm" as I did once in the vennel of Dumfries to Mathew Aird when he sothstood me in the matter of bonny Retty Coupland, a recentre which was little to my credit from any point of

And then the Little Fair Man threw himthe body, and his voice sounded somehow uncanny and of the other world. For there along the naked trees of the wood at midnight. Yet it was not unpleasant, but only cery and very affecting to the heart.

He told us how that he had shamed and grieved his Friend, how he had oftentimes wounded him sore, and once even crucified

Then when he said that I knew what he man was driving at, and if I had been thought no more of the matter. But at that moment, with a sudden calm, there fell a hush over the people. They seemed stretched his arm toward me, where I stool, like Saul, taller by a head than any

"There is a great strong young man there standing by the pillar that hitherto has used his strength for the service of the devil, but from this forward he shall use it for the Even now he is plotting mischief. He. too, hath wounded my Friend, even Jesus Christ, and smitten him on the heekbone. But today he shall stand in the breach and fight for him. Young man, I id you come forward!"

And with that he continued pointing at ne with his finger a little crooked. At first ing with my neive had I been near enough. But presently something uprose in my heart | tion. Make out your bill. a great and terrible melting all at once. I took a step forward. But my companions held me back. I could feel Lidder- A Remarkable Cure That is of Wide dale and Roaring Raif with each hand on a

"Harry," they said, "do not mind himhe wizard down by the heels."

"Come bither!" said the Little Fair Man again, in a voice of command. "Come up A. Pickerel of Boverly was brought to Salina hither, friend. Thou didst come to this and twenty-two hours later was cured of place to do evil. But the spirit hath thee his trouble by a bottle of beer, ow by the head, though well do I see Dr. Pickerel, who is the leading physician that a pair of black dells have thee yet in the town of Beverly, was scated at his

the spirit! Then there arose a mighty flame in my It was 4 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednes-

about with him the die-stamp of a gentle- of dams that imprisoned waters might flow But they gradually increased in severity be a selemn day and the beginning of a This was the preacher, and these were my hand and dealt a buffet right and left, erel tried the old-fashioned remedy for of Noah the year consisted of twelve mostly his parishioners, come to convey him so that Roaring Raif roared amain. And the biccoughs, a drink of water, thinking months, each of thirty days; for up the acthrough the dangerous and ill-affected dis- na for Jock Lidderdale, I know not what that would stop the trouble. But it didn't count of the deluge 150 days are mentioned tricts of the great popish and prelatic city became of him, for they carried him over the of Aberdeen, where for the time being he heads of the crowd and late him under a by evening Dr. Pickerel was unable to eat. The gowish year consist of twelve lunar tree to come to himself again.

man," the minister said when I came near, had always looked upon with a peculiar ven- method of summoning a culprit to stand his in the sheath and our pistols primed, for "Thou shall be the first fruits to the Lord in the Kells this day. There is to be a great ingathering of sheaves here, though some of them shall yet have bloody shocks. But thou, young sir, shalt be the first of all

> Then on the outskirts of the crowd there gross a mighty turmoil. For all those that had been of my party made a rush forward, that they might rescue me from what they thought was rank witchcraft. "Overlurn Overturn" they gried. "Ding

doon the wigard! He hath bewitched

'Strength-o' Airm' Fight, Harry, for thine own hand, and we will rescue thee! And so ardent was their onset that they had wellnigh opened a way to where the Little Fair Man stood, as unmoved and smiling as if he had been stiting in his own manse. So great became the crowd that me there this day. I thank ye, bonny mis- brought out from the burial toolhouse as the very preaching tent rocked. The men of the cavalcade drew their swords and met the assailants hand to hand. In another

minute there had been bloo lebed. But by some strange providence there being as early as the great high days of who, fresh as himself, had come forth from at least a minute as the minister kneeled came into my hand the pole of a burying plainer hand have manifestly been copied who, poor thing, had been going to sleep on last he rose up and gave out the psalm to be yard. I know not how it came there unless peradventure they had used it to roll out the preaching box. But in any case it made

Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon

"I am on the Little Man's side-and on And with that I laid about me as the this very morn on the by-going, for the it or by Babel streams where men walk in Lord gave me strength, and I heard more

> Then again I cried louder than before far-swelling, triumphant, and the Little Fair "Let there be peace, and God help ye if ye the AMERICAN JEWS" CALENDAR. through the mud on his hopeless quest.

That which follows is from the first of and some were ringed of eye, and all were cared about them was that they should not was opened, a large and an effectual, before these documents which I read to my father. touched with a kind of disgust for the be too long and so keep me standing. But me, and like Samson I smote and smote and I can recall of him that he inclined his stayed not till I was weary. For none could face all the time he was speaking toward | stand against me and such as could ran out a rub of the rough spun towel brought us the sky, as if Some One up there had been to their horses. But the most part of them looking down at him. At that I looked, fol- I, with my gravepole, caused to remain youth easily recovers itself while it lasts, lowing the direction of his eyes, and so did that they too might be turned to the Lord

So they came back, and I bade the Little Now it was not till the sermon was well Fair Man preach to them while I kept guard. begun that we were to break in and "skall" And at that he smiled and said: the conventicle with our swords in our I not say that thou shoulds't be a soldier hands. I could hear Lidderdale behind me of God? Thine arm this day hath been an murmuring "how much longer were we to arm of flesh. But thou shalt also wield in claimed with blowing of trumpets, to warn thy time the sword of the Spirit, which is "Let us give him five minutes by the the word of God!" And of a truth there was watch, lade," I said, the same as man a great work and an effectual that day in the of each of the holidays is given in the same hath that is to be hanged before the top- Kells. For they say that more than fourman turns him off. And after that I am score turned them from their evil way, and many of these blessed me thereafter for the writer says: Then Roaring Raif said in my ear, "We breaking of their heads-yea, even upon

put the broad bennets to rout, so that not have not altogether fallen away or shamed derdale, called Tentass Lidderdale, because one of them after this shall be able to show my first love. And when the cavalcade rode he could drink that number of stoups of face upon the causeway of Dumfries. There away up the muir road I heard them tell brandy neat; "It is a great gathering of are at least fifty staunch lads, good, honest, that the Little Fair Man who had called me simply numbered. The months are spoken ments are those when he is telling of the godly. Our shutting of this mare's swearing blades, in and about the kirk-yard out of my head folly was no other than the of as follows: famous Mr. Samuel Rutherfurd, minister of For even so we delighted to call our- Anwoth, on his way to exile in Aberdeen ones, because the months begin with every for conscience sake.

That these things are verity I vouch for

APPEALED TO THE EDITOR.

The Visitor Told What He'd Omit and Was Engaged on the Spot.

As the visitor sat down near the desk the editor glanced him over and was rather pleased with his appearance, reports the Washington Star. He was a man of good size, agreeably appareled, intelligently countenanced, reasonably voiced and of

"I have traveled somewhat in the United States," he said when the editor looked up from his work as a signal that he was ready to listen, "and it occurred to me that I might have something I could tell your renders.

"Um-er," hesitated the editor, "travel is one of the things that is written to death. Still, if you have anything to say that has not been said we will be glad to consider it. We are always ready to buy what we think our readers want to read What did you have to offer specially?"

Nothing in particular, I believe, but od deal in general. It is not so much what I have to offer as what I do not have to offer.'

"Ah?" And the editor paused on the threshold of an unsatisfied curiosity. "Will

you please explain? 'Certainly," he responded. "For instance, I will offer something about Maine, but not refer to her scarcity of liquor nor her superfluity of spruce gum. I will But since I was the strongest there, and have something to offer about Boston, but in a manner the leader, they did not dare will not refer to her beans and her brains, nor to the cosmicality of the whereness of her at. I will have something to say about New York City, but will not refer to her police force as the Irish standing army. I will have something to say about Connecticut, but will not refer to her wooder nutmegs and hams. I will have something to say about New Jersey, but will not reself into a rapture like a man going out of fer to it as a foreign land. I will have something to say about Philadelphia, but will not refer to its slowness or the grass was a "scratch" in it like the snow-wind growing in its streets. I will have something to say about Washington, but will not refer to the arduous labors of her statesmen. I will have something to say about Virginia, but will not refer to her crop of mint juleps. I will have some thing to say about Kentucky, but will not refer to her pretty women, her fine horses and her good whisky. I will have some thing to say about Delaware, but wil left to myself I would have fallen away and not refer to the fact that the frost has killed the peach crop. I will have some thing to say about Texas, but will not refor to the hanging of a prominent citizen o be waiting for something. Then the for stealing a horse, I will have some Little Fair Man leaned out of the pulpit and thing to may about California, but will not refer to the size of her lines. I will have something to say about the Dakotas, but will not refer to them as being in the banana belt. I will have something to say about Chicago, but will not refer to the abnormal growth of the feet of her vomen. I will have something to say about Louis, but will not refer to her superlority to Chicago. 1 will have something to say about St. Paul and Minneapolis, but will not refer to the word rivairy. I will have something-

exclaimed the editor You're all right. You just go ahead and write your stuff and I'll get it in the paper. was angry, and could have made his chafts even if I have to throw out the society news and editorial. We pay on publica-

BEER FOR HICCOUGHS.

Hiccoughs bid fair to become as popular malady in prohibition districts in Kanry the word and we will fall on and pull sas as anakebites have been in the past. After hiccoughing without intermission for 100 hours, reports a correspondent, Dr. H.

by the tail. Come hither, friend; resist not deak in his office, busily engaged in writing a treatise when the hiccoughs seized him. heart, the like of which I never felt before. day, September 5. At first the coughs were It was a gale of the spirit-a breaking down only slight and he paid no attention to them.

anything for fear of choking. At times his months amounting to 234 days; but as this "Thou shall know a Friend today, young paroxyems were so severe as to wrench makes the year eleven days short of the his whole body. At bedtime he could not go solar year an extra mouth has to be added to sleep because of the malady. He was everythird year. sent for to attend his patients, but was un- The book contains the following account able to go to them on account of the "blc. of the first synagogue in New York; hic," which was constantly with him. In | "In 1885 the Jewish residents petitioned the meantime Dr. Pickerel tried all the leave to build a synagogue and tent it to old remedies he had ever heard of and all the the governor and he to the mayor and new ones that were suggested to him. Three common council, who refused to grant it times cold milk stopped the torture for four on the ground that worship was extended or five minutes. Hot and cold teas of all only to seets professing faith in Jesus of kinds were unavailing. Someone suggested Nazareth, but Governor Dongan, in the powdered alum and the doctor swallewed next year of his term, granted the permit, several teaspoonsful without effect. Mustard and in 1691 the Jews had a place of public and hot water were also tried unsuccess- worship, which stood on the south side of fully. All Wednesday night the coughs con- what is now Beaver street, between Broadtinued. On Thursday the experimenting way and Broad street, with remedies also continued. By Thurs- | was twenty families, or about 100 souls." day night no less than thirty alleged sure cures for hiccoughs had been tested and found wanting. Friday, Saturday and Sunday came and were without bringing the One of General Chaffee's Men Took cortured man any relief. He began to think he would have to blocough his way through

> nigh exhausted. After experimenting with amminoned his "dog rubber," as the patient pylocarpine. Several doses of this "Bring some dry wood," he commanded. when the coughs commenced again a trav-eling man suggested a bottle of beer as a "1 kn permanent quietus on the hiccoughs.

Information About Holidays and Months as Observed by Hebrews.

Jowa' Calendar," has been published re- deserter, cently by David Rubin, which contains some interesting information, reports the New York Tribune. Besides a list of the Jewording to the Julian calendar.

The Jewish "civil year" began on the tle book as being "a sacred day. No work s done, and the day is nanounced and proine and amend his conduct." The meaning terse manner.

In his history of the Jewish calendar, the "Seven natural days constitute a week. The Jews have no names for the days of their week, but they number them in their order." It is shown that the months had no

names until after the Babylonian captivity. Previous to that time they were also "The months of the Hebrews are lunar

new moon. As the synodical lunar month day of the appearance of the new moon to Only 25c at Kuhn & Co.'s drug store.

free. And before I knew what I did I look | until they became annoying. Then Dr. Pick- new month, but it appears that in the time

MILDOON GOT THE WOOD.

Two Years to Execute an Order.

It is related that while General Chaffee now commander of the American forces in On Monday Dr. Pickerel was brought to China, was stationed in Arizona in 1878 he Salina and placed in the care of Dr. J. W. passed one winter in the field. The weather Neptune. The first thing Dr. Neptune did was bad. One particularly wet and miserwas to bandage the biccoughing man tightly able day Chaffee had to spend in his Sible; beneath the arms. This rendered the coughs tent. The fire in the little conical sheet ore subdued and less tiring for the vic- fron stave simply wouldn't burn. The capim, whose strength was by that time well- tain (that was the rank he then held) a variety of remedies Dr. Neptune gave his diers term an officer's personal attendant stopped the coughs, but within an hour they The soldier, an Irish veteran known to returned as bad as ever. The patient had history as "Muidoon," stood "at attengone to his hotel in the brief interval and tion" and replied: "Captain, there don't

"I know better," the officer snapped. The beer was brought and put a Get out of here and don't come back without dry wood.

Wood assuredly must have been hard to find, for he failed to return that day or A little book, entitled "The American that year and was finally dropped as a

Two years later Chaffee, premoted to be najor, was in command at Fort McDowell, on the Lower Verde, 100 miles south of the ish holidays, it gives the list of Jewish point where Muldoon had disappeared in the months and the time when they begin, ac- rain. One hat summer night the major was itting on the veranda of his adobe-built house in enjoyment of the moonlight and rat day of the meath Tishri, Sept. 24, this his cigar when from around the corner of year. This holiday is described in the lit- the building came a figure, staggering under the weight of an immense armful of mesquite, that had plainly come from the household woodpile. The figure came around to man that a new year has begun, to exam- the porch steps and halted. The right hand went stuffly to the brim of a battered civillan hat and a voice in the richest of brogues announced: "Capt'in, I've brought ye th' dhry wood."

Officers said that Muldoon richly deserved five years in Alcatraz military prison, but the humor of the affair so struck the court martial and the general commanding that all he got was six months at post fatigue and the guard house, with a "bob-tailed" discharge at the end of the time. Muldoon scouting with Chaffee.

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